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Internal Dosimetry: An Intersection of Disciplines

- **Physiology,**
- **Anatomy,**
- **Physics,**
- **Mathematics,**
- **Computer Science,**
- **Some people call it**
- **“The art of Internal Dosimetry”!**

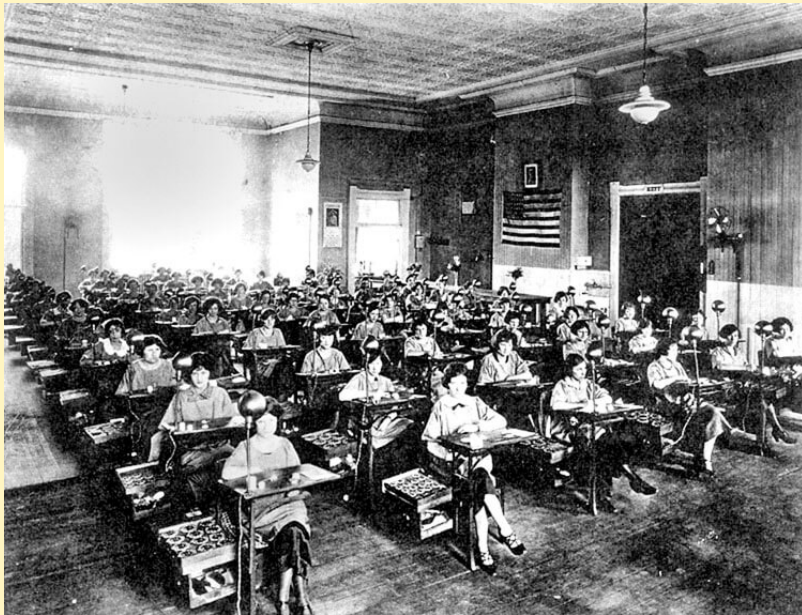
Basic Components for Internal Dose Calculations

- **Metabolic models describing the intake, distribution, retention and excretion of radionuclides in the body.**
- **Dosimetric models describing the interaction of radiation within the several body organs and tissues.**
- **System of Dose Limitation**

Radium Girls

ICRP Publication 2, 1959:

“The effective RBE dose **delivered to the bone** from internal or external radiation during any 13 week period averaged over the entire skeleton shall not exceed the average RBE dose to the skeleton due to a **body burden of 0.1 μCi of ^{226}Ra** . This is considered to **correspond to a dose rate of 0.56 rem/week in the case of ^{226}Ra** .”



Netflix

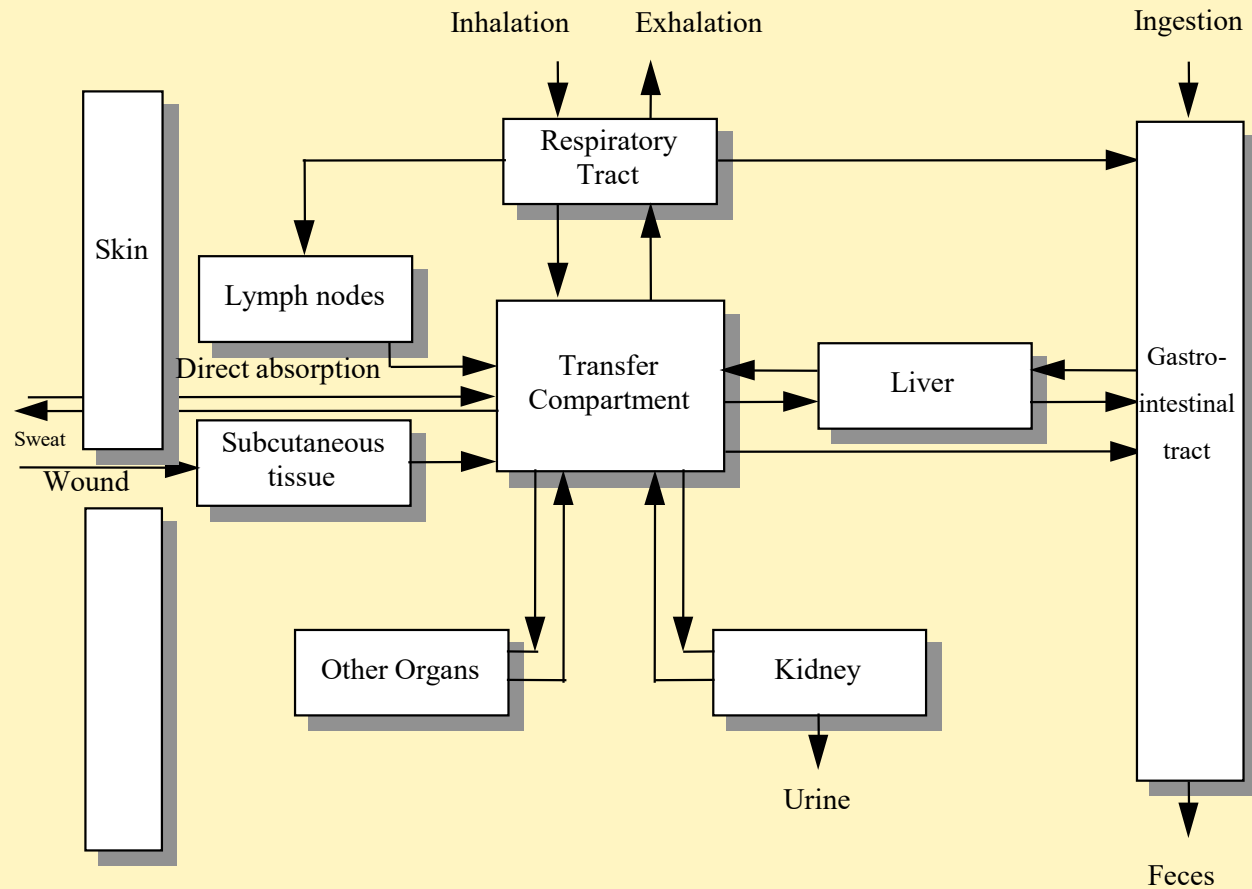
Reference Man

A person with the anatomical and physiological characteristics defined in the report of the ICRP Task Group on Reference Man (ICRP-23, 1975 and ICRP-89, 2003).

Tissues with assigned risk factors by ICRP: Publications 26 (1977), 60 (1990) and 103 (2007)

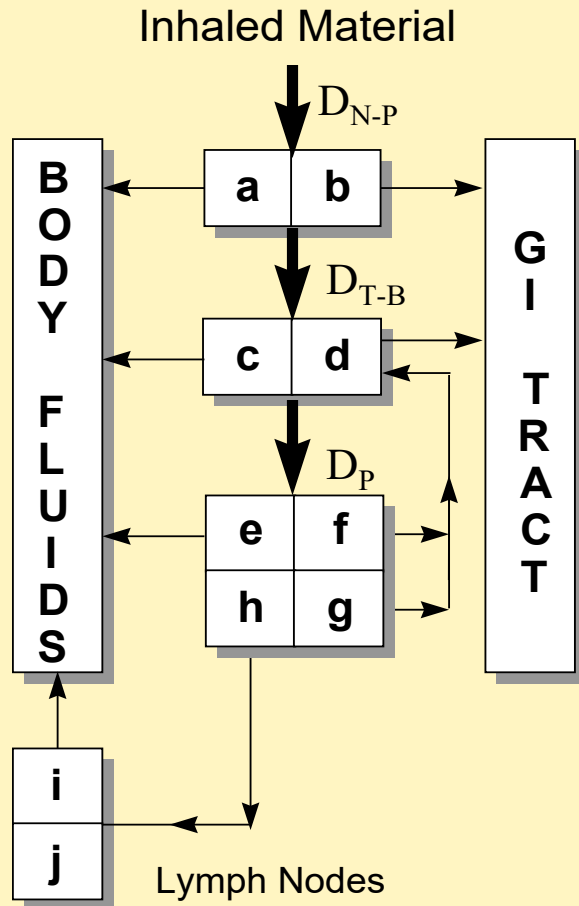
Organ or Tissue	ICRP-26	ICRP-60	ICRP-103	ICRP-26 Remainder tissues (Choice of 5): Adrenals, Bladder, Brain, Stomach, Small Intestine, Upper Large Int., Lower Large Int., Kidneys, Liver, Muscle, Pancreas, Skin, Spleen, Thymus, Uterus.
Gonads	X	X	X	
Breast	X	X	X	
Red Marrow	X	X	X	
Lungs	X	X	X	
Bone Surface	X	X	X	
Thyroid	X	X	X	ICRP-60 Remainder tissues (All 10): Adrenals, Brain, Extrathoracic (ET) region, Kidneys, Muscle, Pancreas, Small intestine, Spleen, Thymus, Uterus.
Bladder	----	X	X	
Colon	----	X	X	
Liver	----	X	X	
Esophagus	----	X	X	
Skin	----	X	X	ICRP-103 Remainder tissues (All 13): Adrenals, Extrathoracic (ET) region, Gall Bladder, Heart, Kidneys, Lymphatic nodes, Muscle, Oral mucosa, Pancreas, Prostate (♂), Small intestine, Spleen, Thymus, Uterus/cervix (♀).
Stomach	----	X	X	
Brain	----	----	X	
Salivary Glands	----	----	X	
Remainder (*)	X	X	X	

A General Biokinetic Model Showing Routes of Intake, Transfers and Excretion



Evolution of the Respiratory Tract Models

The ICRP Publication 30 Respiratory Tract Model (1979)



Deposition of particles:
Default: AMAD = 1 μm

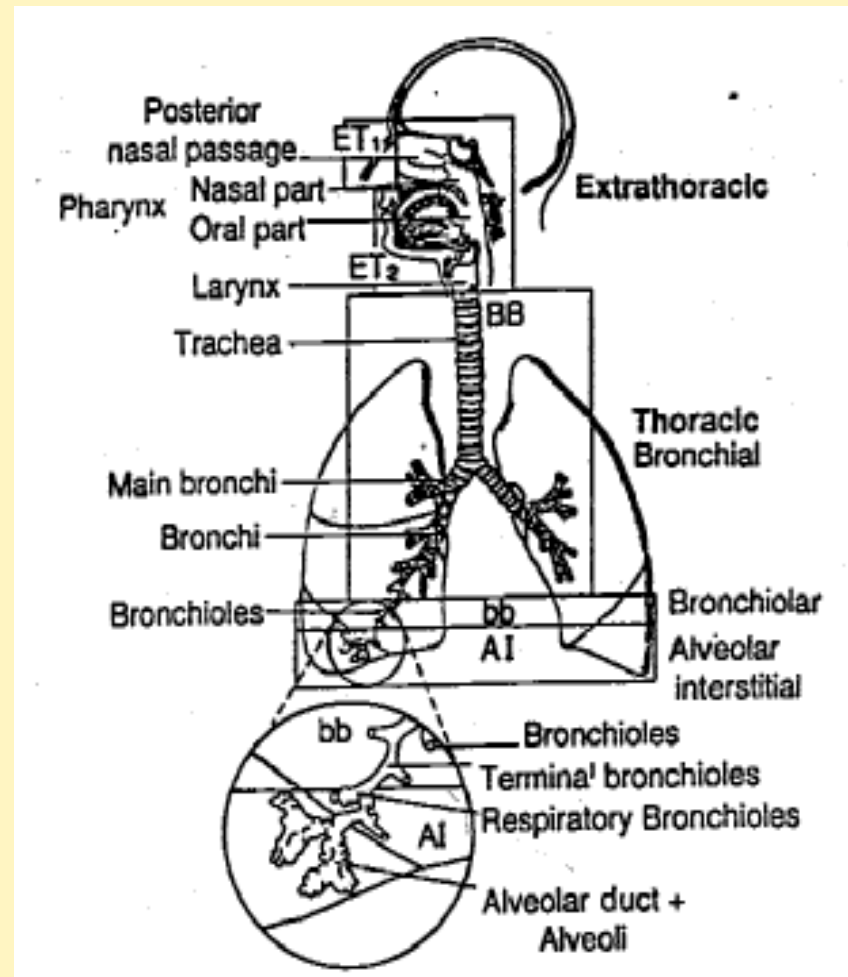
Clearance: retention of compounds in pulmonary region.

Class D: half-times < 10 days

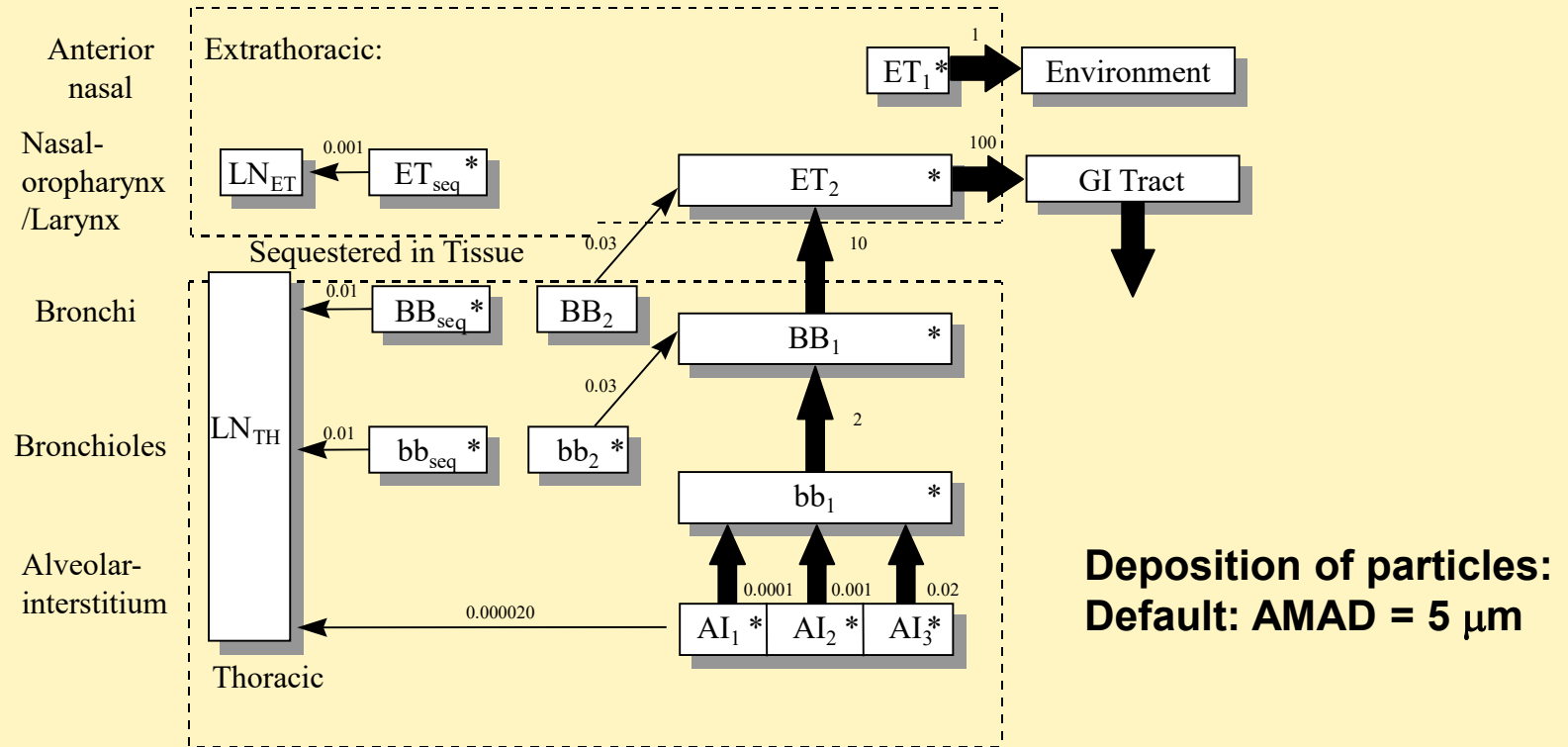
Class W: 10 < half-times < 100 days

Class Y: half-times > 100 days

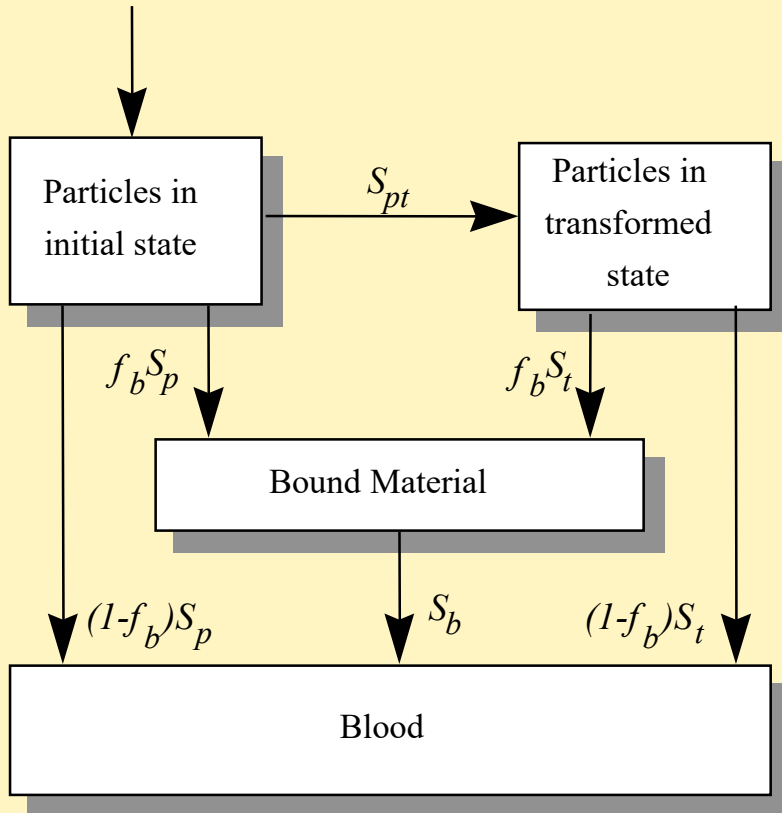
Respiratory Tract Regions Defined in the ICRP Publication 66 Model (1994)



The ICRP Publication 66 Respiratory Tract Model (1994)



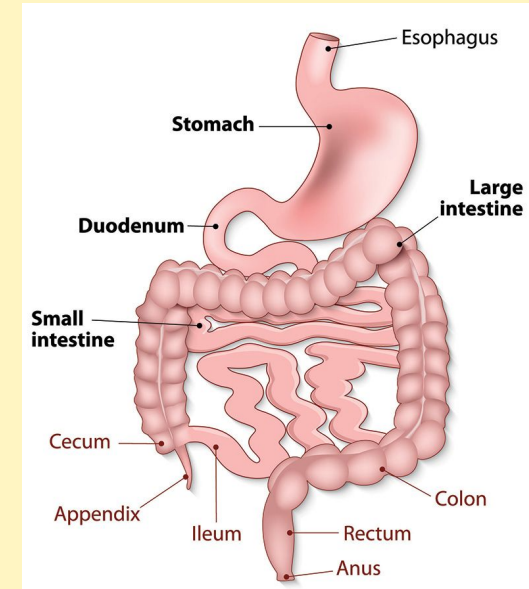
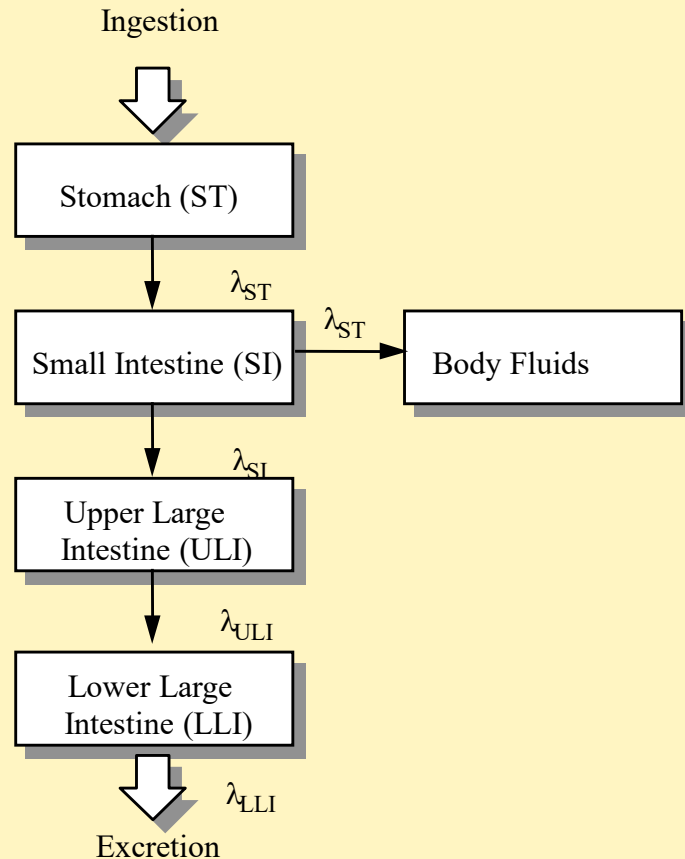
The ICRP Publication 66 Respiratory Tract Model - Blood Absorption -



	Absorption Rates (d^{-1})		
	F (Fast)	M (Moderate)	S (Slow)
Sp	100.0	10.0	0.1
Spt	0	90.0	100.0
St	---	0.005	0.0001
Fb	0	0	0
Sb	---	---	---

Evolution of the Gastrointestinal Tract Models

The ICRP Publication 30 Gastrointestinal Tract Model (1979)



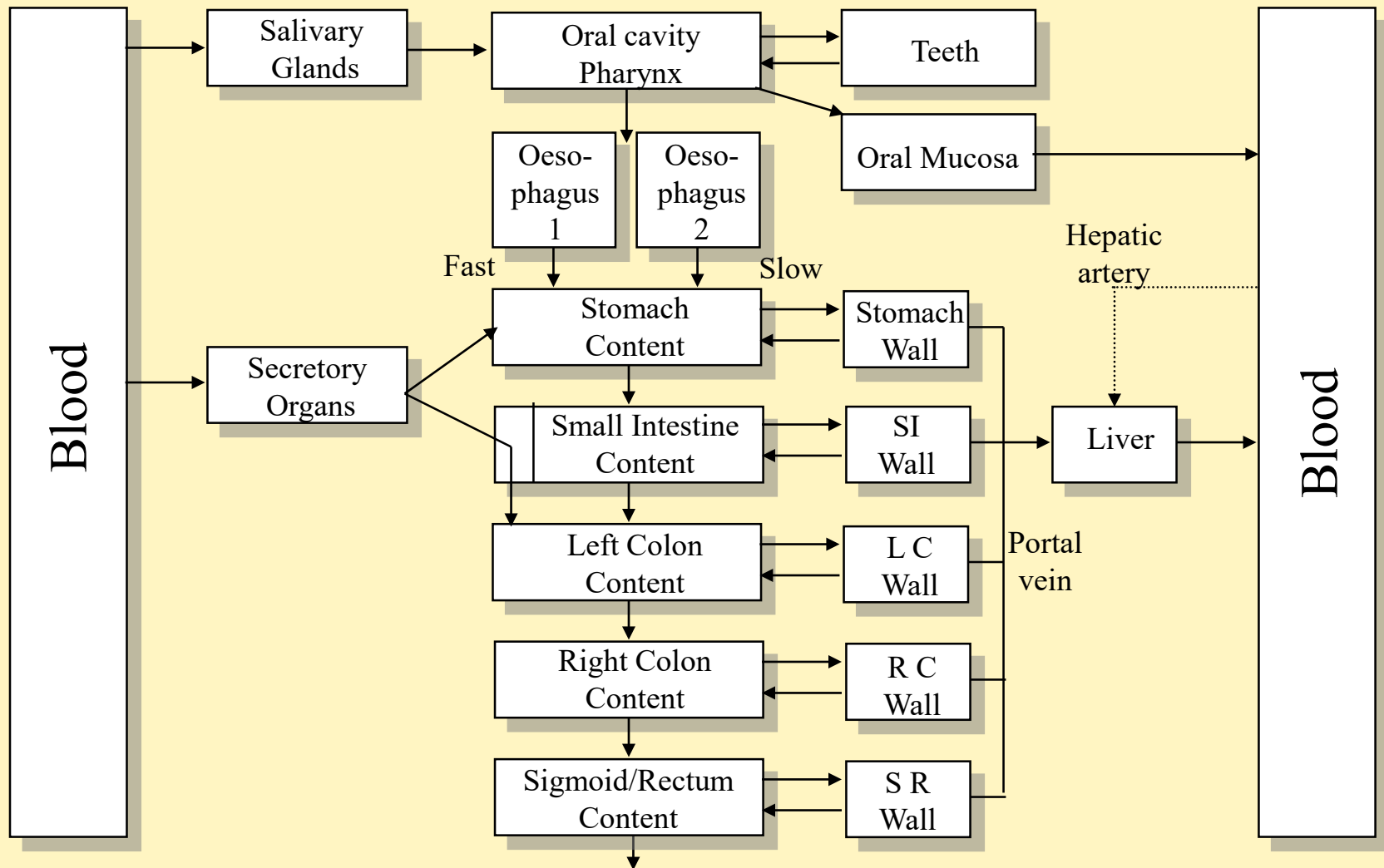
Section of GI tract	Mass of Contents (g)	Mean residence time (d)	λ (d ⁻¹)
ST	250	1/24	24
SI	400	4/24	6
ULI	220	13/24	1.8
LLI	135	24/24	1

The Need for a New GI Tract Model

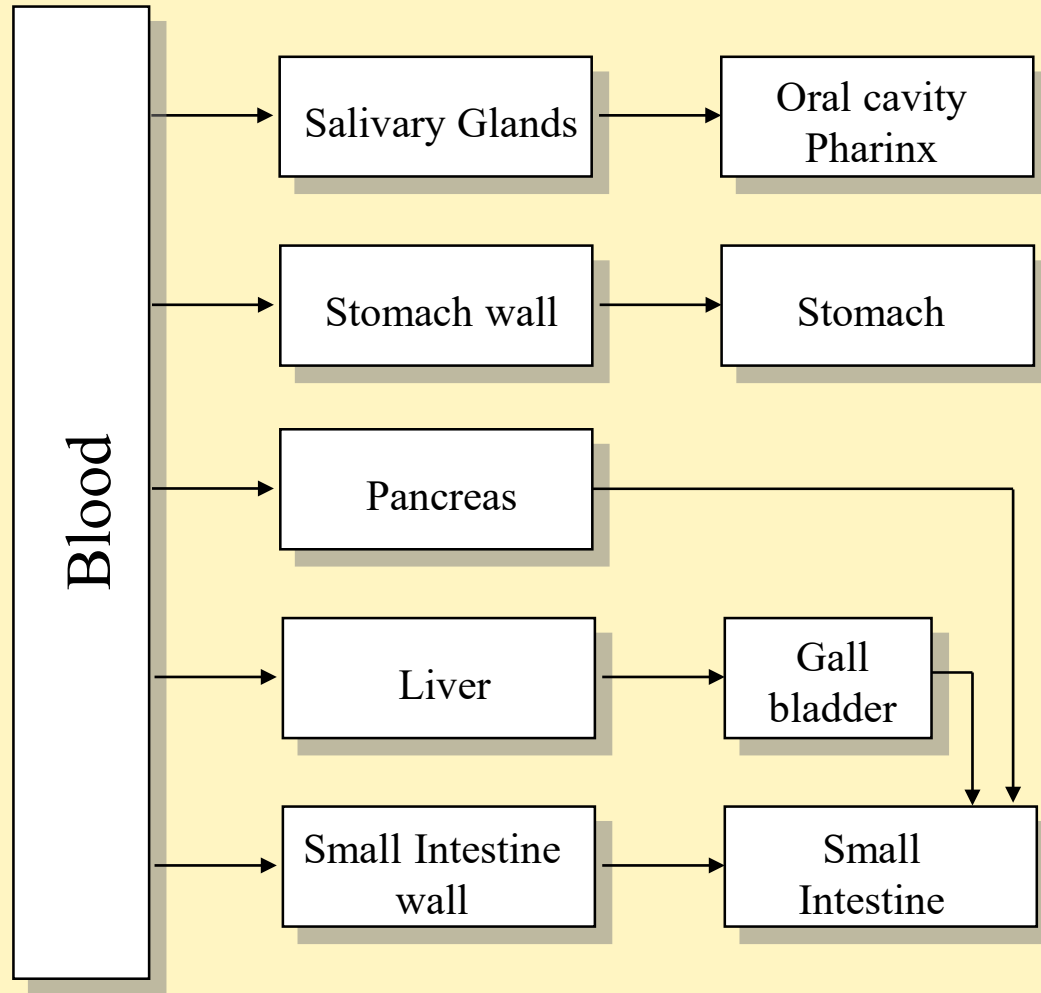
Since ICRP-30 (1979):

- **Specific risk estimates for cancer of the esophagus, stomach and colon have been included.**
- **More data available on the transit of materials through the different regions of the gut.**

Human Alimentary Tract Model for Radiological Protection (2006)

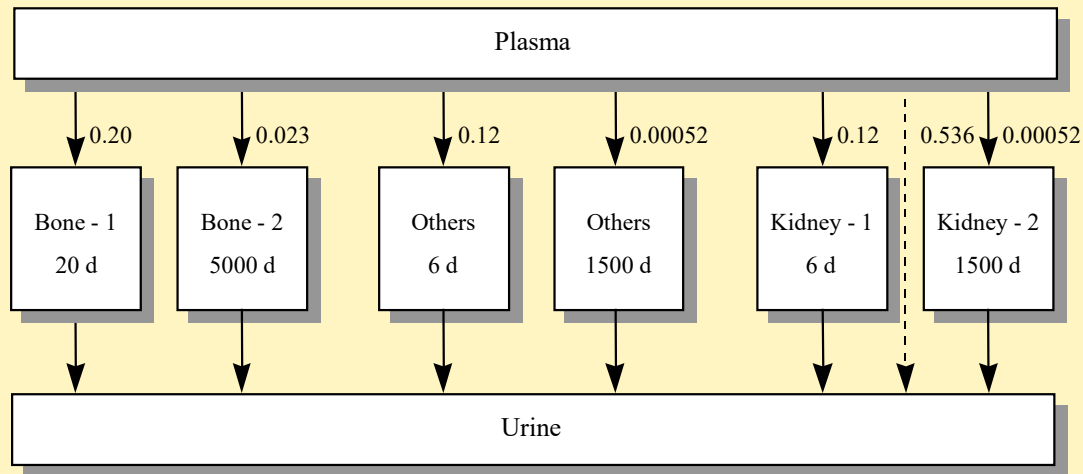


Routes of Secretion Into the Alimentary Tract

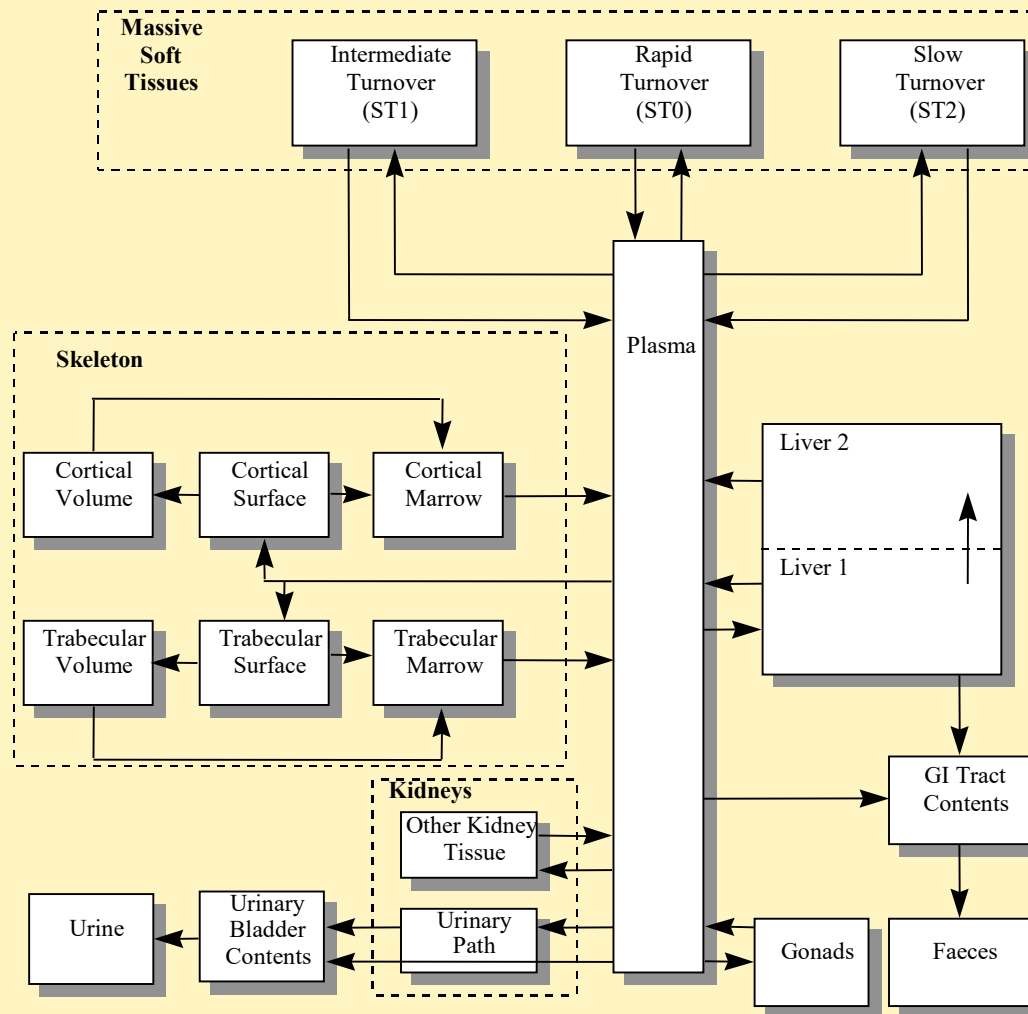


Evolution of the Systemic Models

The ICRP Publication 30 Uranium Systemic Model (1979)

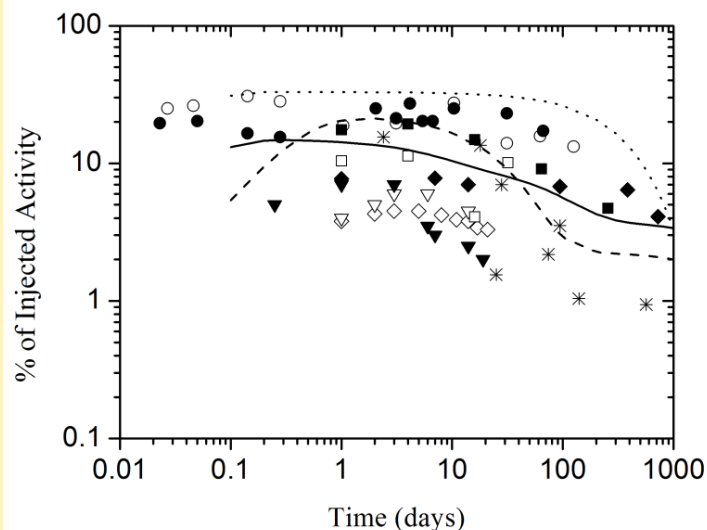


The ICRP Publication 69 Systemic Model for Actinides and Thorium (1994)



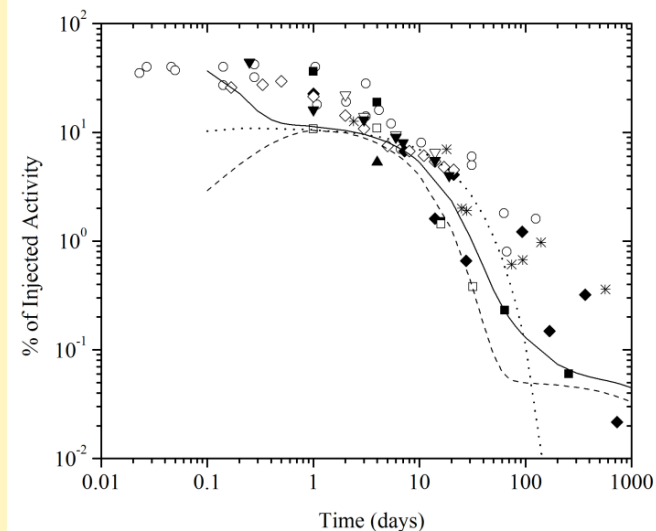
Organ Content (%) After a Single Injection of Soluble Uranium

Skeleton



- * Revised Bernard/Struxness (HUMAN)
- Kisielleski (0.5 µg/g) (MOUSE)
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- ◇ Bentley (0.013-0.100 µg/g) (RAT)
- ▽ Morrow (injection, 0.01-1.95 µg/g) (DOG)
- ▼ Morrow (inhalation, 0.11-1.46 µg/g) (DOG)
- Hamilton (injection, 0.2 µg/g, ²³³U) (RAT)
- Durbin (injection, 2.5x10⁻⁸ µg/g, ²³⁰U) (RAT)
- ◆ Stevens (injection, 0.3 µg/g, ²³³U) (DOG)
- Calculation: Model: ICRP-2
- Calculation: Model: ICRP-30
- Calculation: Model: ICRP-69

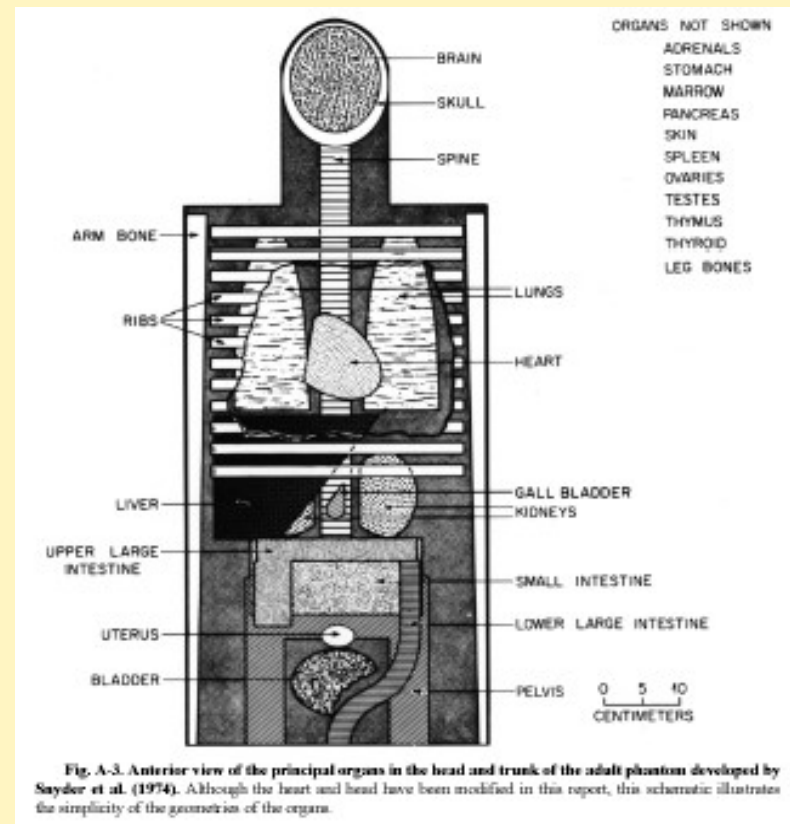
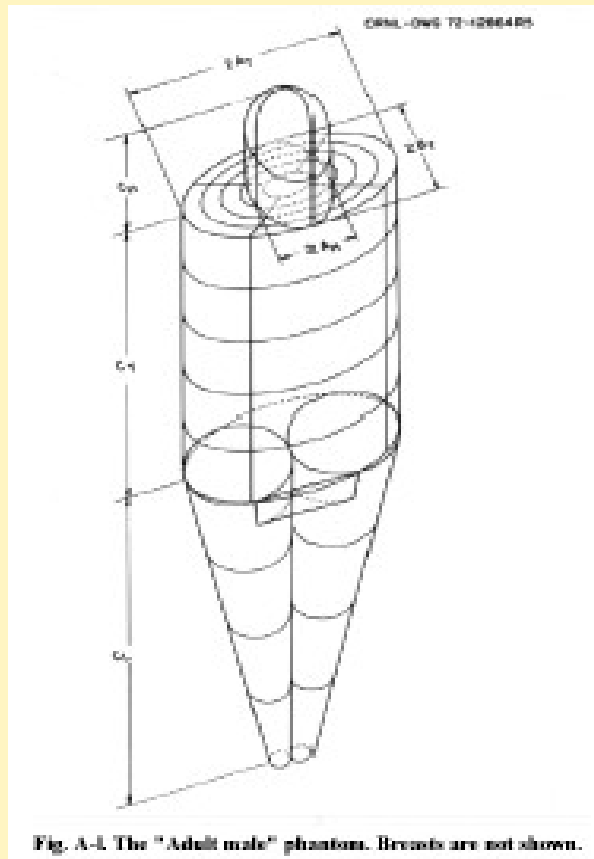
Kidneys



- * Revised Bernard/Struxness (HUMAN)
- Kisielleski (0.5, 5.0 µg/g) (MOUSE)
- ◆ Wrenn (aprox. 0.3 µg/g) (DOG)
- ◇ Bentley (0.013-0.100 µg/g) (RAT)
- ▲ Lipsztein (less than 0.001 µg/g, ²³⁷U) (BABOON)
- ▽ Morrow (injection, 0.01-1.95 µg/g) (DOG)
- ▼ Morrow (inhalation, 0.11-1.46 µg/g) (DOG)
- Hamilton (injection, 0.2 µg/g, ²³³U) (RAT)
- Durbin (injection, 2.5x10⁻⁸ µg/g, ²³⁰U) (RAT)
- Calculation: Model: ICRP-2
- Calculation: Model: ICRP-30
- Calculation: Model: ICRP-69

Evolution of the Dosimetric Models

The ORNL Adult Male Phantom (1974)



Phantom Evolution

Stylized Phantoms

Organ / body contours defined by
3D mathematical surface equations

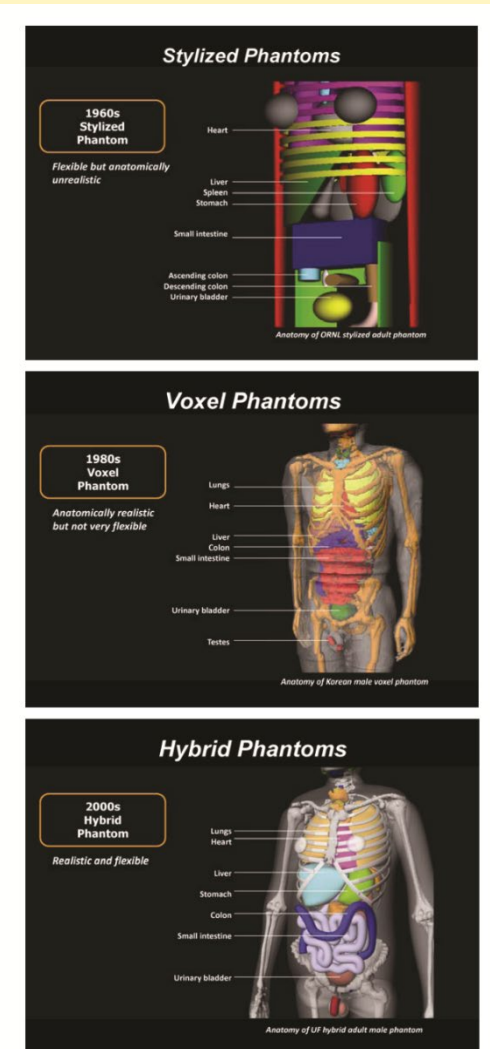
Voxel Phantoms

Organs and body tissues defined by groupings
of 3D arrays of tagged image volume
elements

Hybrid Phantoms

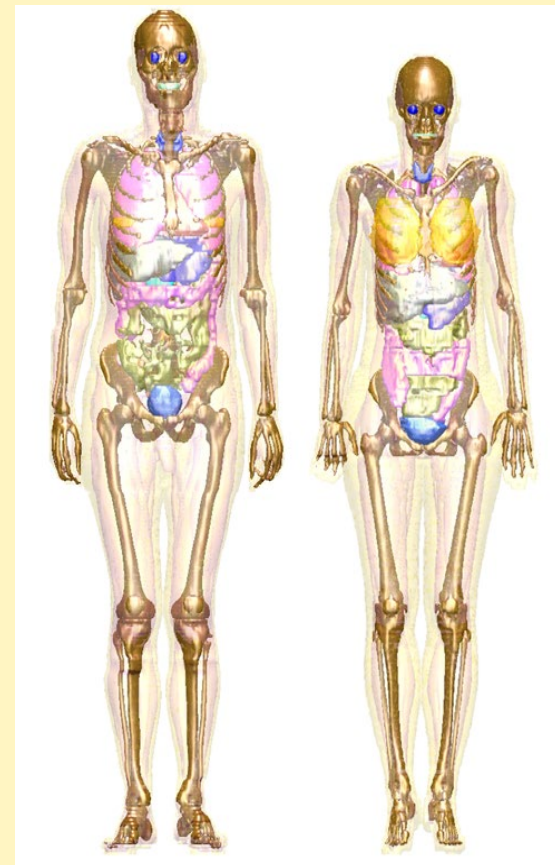
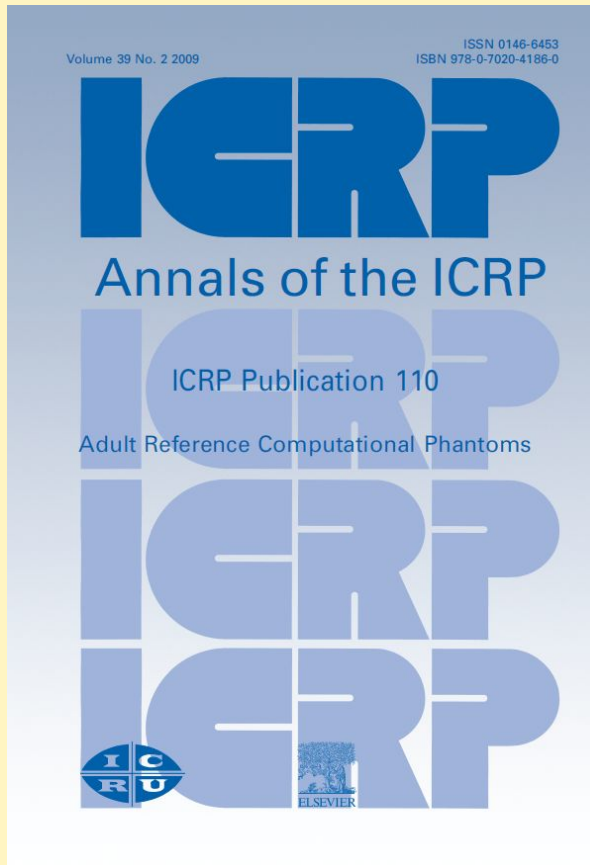
Organ / body contours defined by NURBS or
polygon mesh surfaces

Non-uniform rational basis spline (NURBS) is a mathematical model commonly used in computer graphics for generating and representing curves and surfaces.



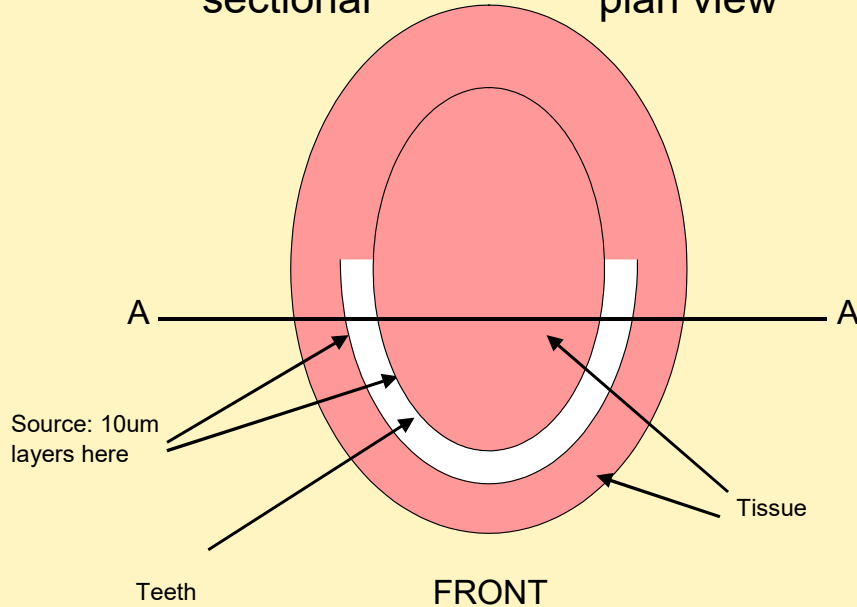
ICRP Adult Reference Computational Phantoms – Voxel Based

ICRP Publication 110 (2009)

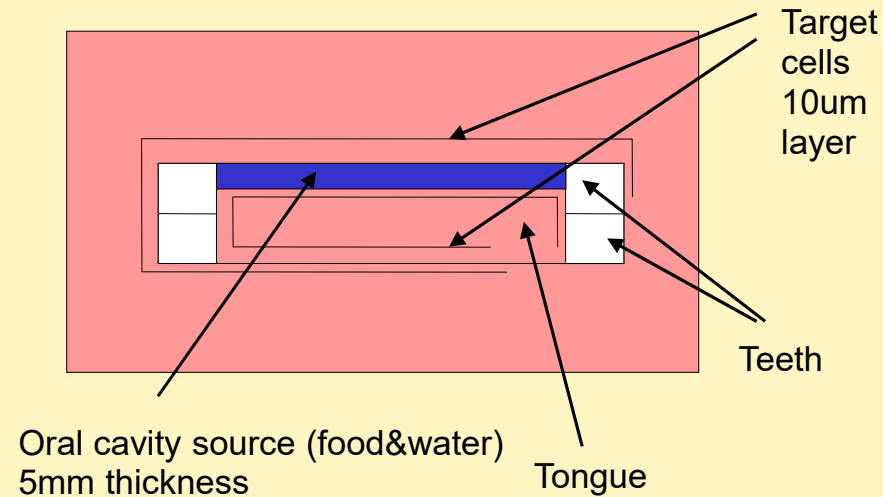


Dosimetric Model for Oral Cavity

Schematic of Oral Cavity dosimetric model
sectional plan view



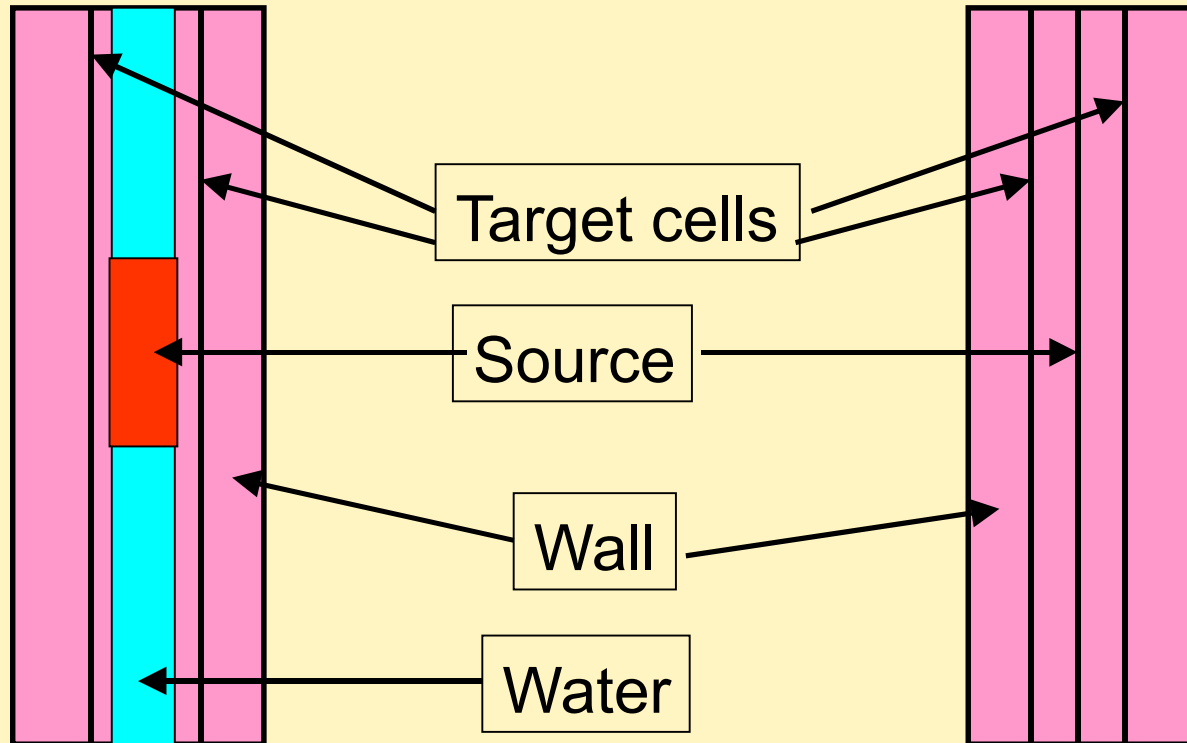
Schematic of Oral Cavity model
Sectional front view



Dose to Target Cells in the Esophagus

**Esophagus fast
and other sections**

Esophagus slow



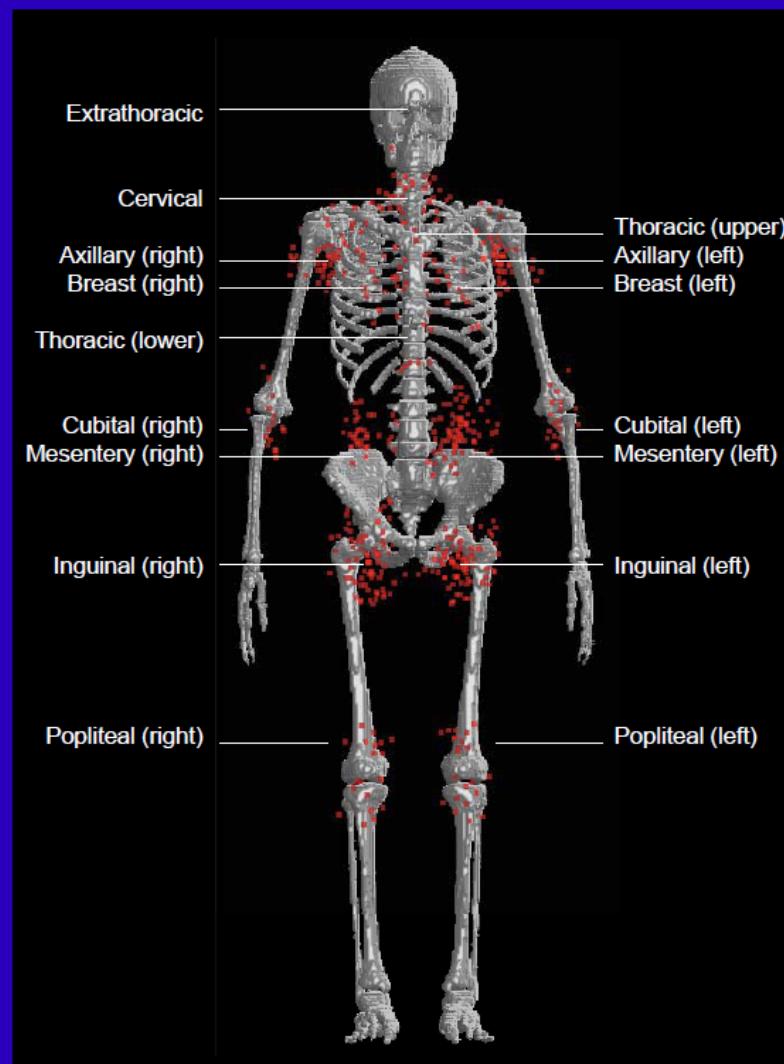
Remarks on the Evolution of Internal Dosimetry

- **Effects of radiations have been reviewed by the ICRP Main Commission → Last: ICRP-103 (2007).**
- **Biokinetic and dosimetric models are becoming more and more realistic and are constantly being reviewed by the ICRP Committee 2 and its task groups.**
- **Specific biokinetic and dosimetric models for internal dose calculations have also been developed for members of the public of all groups of age, including embryo, fetus and nursing infants.**

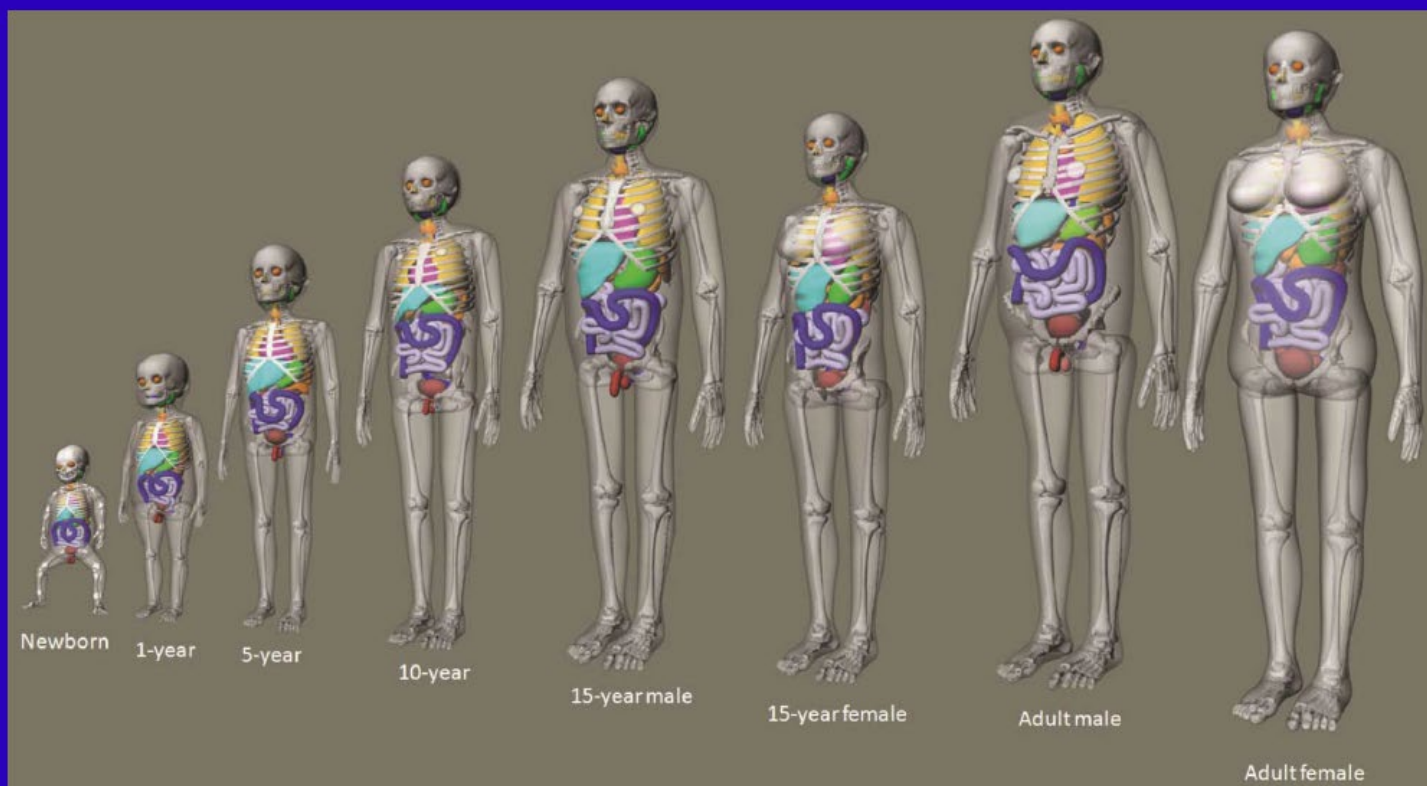
Lymphatic Nodes

Lymphatic node model

- 16 different sites
- Match ICRP89 mass (1%)
- Semi-automated MATLAB code
- Need to verify pediatric values



Pediatric Hybrid Phantoms



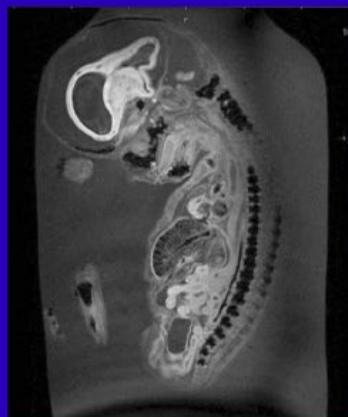
**The UF family of reference hybrid phantoms for
computational radiation dosimetry**

Choonsik Lee¹, Daniel Lodwick², Jorge Hurtado², Deanna Pafundi²,
Jonathan L Williams³ and Wesley E Bolch^{4,5}

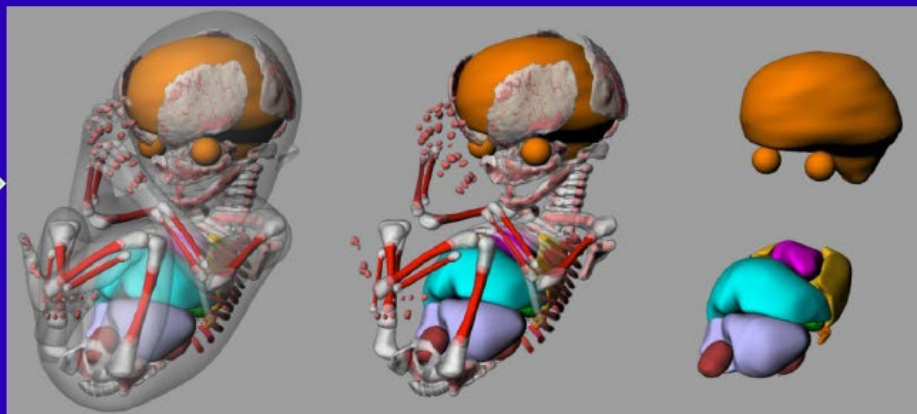
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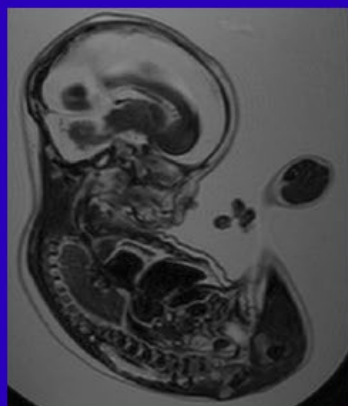
Fetal Model Development



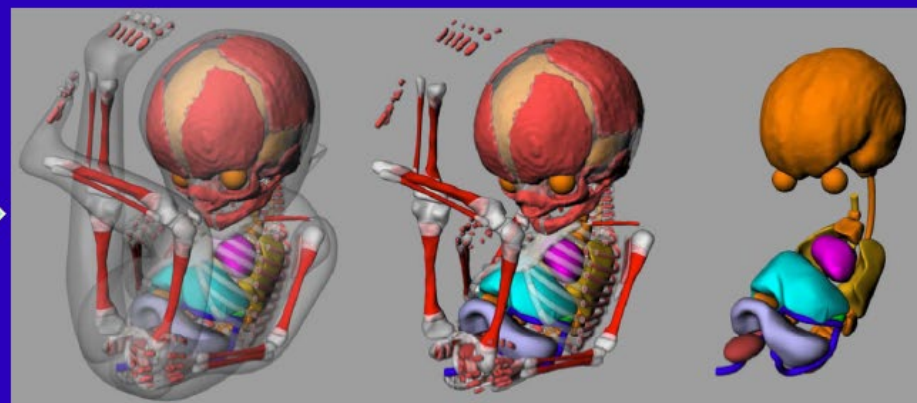
**4.7 T NMR Image
11.5 week fetus**



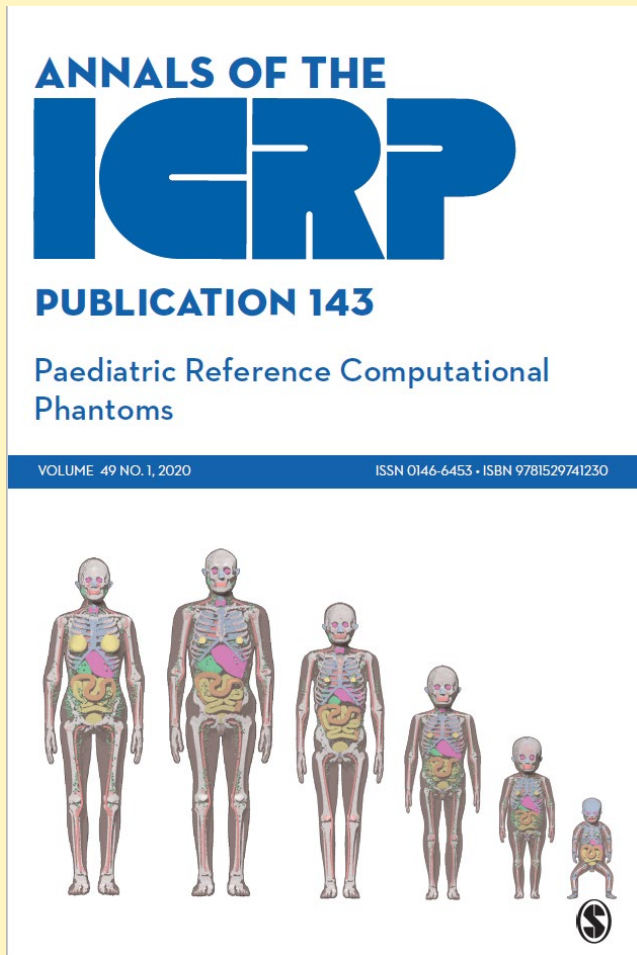
Two Specimen-Specific Fetal Models



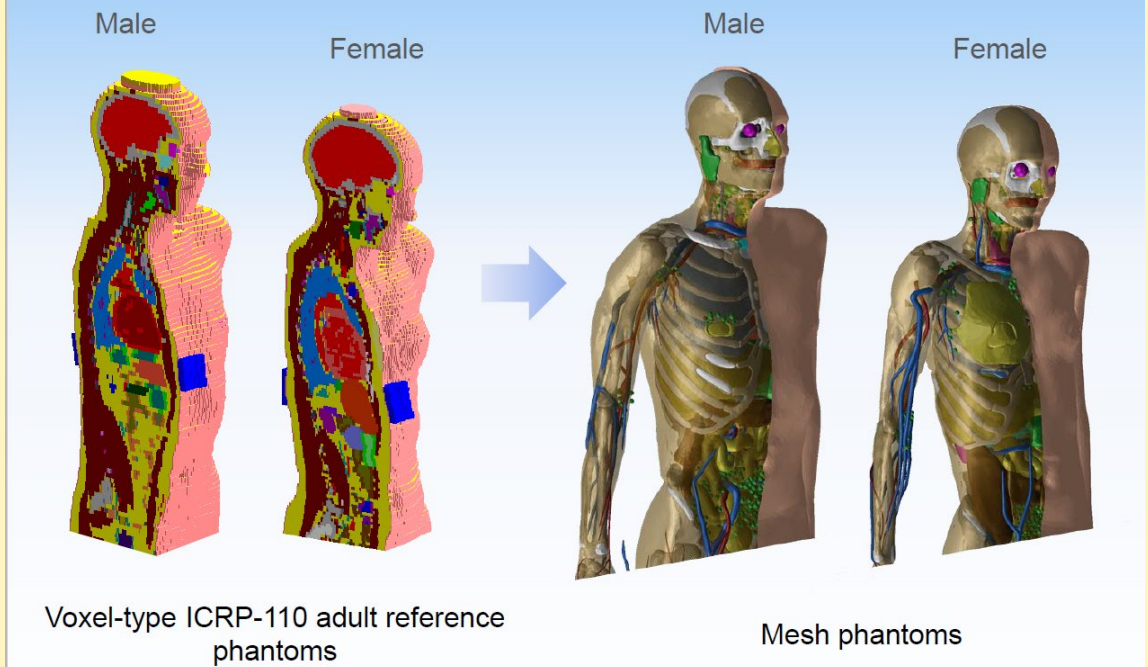
**1.5 T MR Image
21 week fetus**



New Reference Phantoms



Conversion of Adult Phantoms – Completed



Best of Luck!

My sincere
best wishes
to you all !!!

Thanks!
